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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATION MARKING 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF PRAGUE
INVASION

1. AT LEAST SEVERAL HUNDRED (AUGUST 22 PRESS REPORTS 1000)
PERSONS PARTICIPATED IN A DEMONSTRATION AUGUST 21 IN FRONT
OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY MARKING THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF
THE SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA. THE DEMONSTRATION
WAS ORGANIZED BY A COMMITTEE AGAINST THE SOVIET OCCUPATION
OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA, COMPOSED - WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE FADING JUSTICE PARTY - OF LEFT WING ELE-
MENTS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNIST WORKERS PARTY (A MAOIST GROUP),
THE SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTY, AND THE LEFT SOCIALISTS. THE
OFFICIAL SLOGANS ADOPTED FOR THE DEMONSTRATION INCLUDED
"SOVIETS OUT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA" AND "NO TO NATO AND THE
WARSAW PACT".

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2. PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT THE DEMONSTRATION PASSED
PEACEFULLY, AND EMBASSY OBSERVERS NOTED THE USUAL COLLEC-
TION OF SMALL CHILDREN AND DOGS IN THE CROWD.

3. COMMENT: THE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED THE USUAL MIX OF
PERSONS SUPPORTIVE OF LEFTIST HUMANITARIAN CAUSES, BUT

THE PRIMARY IMPETUS CAME FROM THE ANTI-MOSCOW FAR LEFT.
WHILE BILLED AS AN ANTI-SOVIET AND ANTI-NATO DEMONSTRATION,
THE FORMER SENTIMENT LARGELY PREVAILED. (ALTHOUGH THE EMBASSY
IS LOCATED NEAR THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND ALONG THE MARCH ROUTE
OF THE DEMONSTRATORS, THE LATTER COMPLETELY IGNORED OUR
PREMISES.)
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